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Beware of Inventory Adjustments

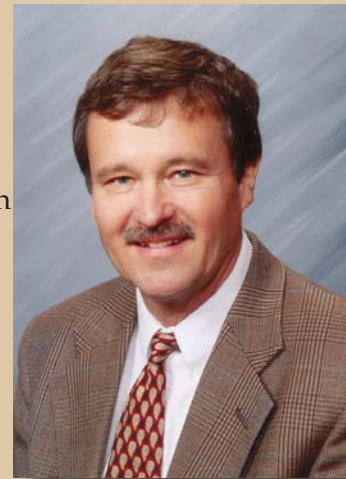
Upon reviewing controlled substance records, all practitioners should be wary of seeing the words, "inventory adjustment." This documentation sends a red flag to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) compliance inspectors when doing a routine inspection.

Registrants are required to maintain complete and accurate records of all controlled substances received, administered, dispensed or otherwise disposed of. Registrants are required to provide effective controls to detect and prevent the diversion of controlled substances. When the BNDD sees the words, "inventory adjustment" entered on a document, the bureau would expect to see an internal investigation that took place to determine why drugs were missing or records were inaccurate.

Allowing inventory counts to be off and allowing the staff to change inventory counts is a lapse in security. Registrants should have a policy in place that only allows records to be altered or amended when approved by the registered practitioner.

BNDD Investigator Dennis Moore Announces Retirement

Dennis Moore has announced his retirement from the BNDD effective May 2012. Since 1992, Moore has worked as an investigator for BNDD's St. Louis Office. During the past 20 years in the BNDD, Moore has completed thousands of regulatory inspections, investigations and other actions. During a three month period in the fall of 2005, Moore revealed five separate impaired practitioners in the St. Louis area.



Mr. Moore was recognized as the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Employee of the Month in April 2006. This was followed by being awarded as the Missouri State Employee of the Month in June 2006. He was honored for his exemplary efforts in identifying drug- addicted and impaired physicians.

Mr. Moore's work and career have served to protect the public's health and safety and he will be greatly missed by his coworkers and his colleagues in the healthcare regulatory industry.

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Application & Registration

The bureau continues to implement and improve the new application and registration database that was introduced in December 2011. The bureau would like to repeat some points of emphasis:

- A post card reminder is mailed out to registrants 60 days in advance of their expiration date;
- Applications may be submitted on paper and mailed in or applications may be submitted electronically online;
- The actual registrant is to complete and submit the application and not another person;
- Depending on workloads the processing of a completed application has been taking approximately 15 days;
- When a registration is issued it immediately appears on the bureau's website. Applicants may check the bureau website at www.health.mo.gov/BNDD to see when their registration is issued;
- The bureau stopped printing and mailing certificates in July 2010. Registrants may view their registrations online and print their own certificates;
- If a registrant expires and does not submit an application within a week of expiration, the bureau will send out a post card notifying a registrant they have expired;
- Registrations are now only issued for a one-year period and the fees have been reduced. Please be sure to verify you are paying the appropriate fee;
- Please make sure you are using the current application form; and
- Registrants who have questions may call or e-mail the bureau at bndd@health.mo.gov.

Registration Types as of March 2012

REGISTRATION TYPE	NUMBER
Advanced Practice Nurses	152
Ambulance Service - EMS	316
Ambulatory Surgery - ASC	101
Analytical Lab	54
Correctional Center	28
Dentist DDS	2,320
Dentist DMD	568
Distributor	34
D.O. Osteopathic Physician	2,559
Podiatrists	281
DVM Veterinary	1,732
Exporter	9
Hospice	4
Hospitals	182
Importers	9
Manufacturers	26
M.D. Physician	17,193
Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP)	12
LTCF Emergency Kits	559
Optometrists	705
Other	1
Physicians Assistants	19
Researchers	352
Retail Pharmacies	1,279
Teaching Institutions	10
25 Types	28,505

*DEA Sponsoring
Drug Take-Back
Day*



The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is sponsoring another drug take-back day on Saturday, April 28, 2012. During this day citizens may turn in unwanted drug products to their local law enforcement agency operating the drug take-back site.

Local law enforcement agencies who want to participate in this should contact the DEA Regional Office in St. Louis, Missouri at (314) 538-4600. The DEA will provide a packet of instructions, forms to use, methods of collection and the DEA will assist in collecting the drugs for destruction. Police agencies participating will have their names and locations placed on a DEA website so citizens can see where to take their unwanted drugs. A toolkit can be found at: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html.

The bureau encourages all citizens to participate in the take-back programs to remove unwanted drugs prevent diversion and poisonings.

Prescriptions Requiring Security Paper

The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) has received numerous inquiries about the requirements to use government mandated security paper on prescription forms. Practitioners have reported that pharmacies are declining their prescriptions. The requirement to use security paper is a requirement implemented by the Center for Medicaid-Medicare Services (CMS) and is a requirement for reimbursement and participation in their program. If practitioners are issuing prescriptions to patients that are not covered in the CMS program the practitioners may discuss their prescription forms with their local pharmacies.

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